Facilities for breast feeding at Work Place

3475. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward any legislation or take legal steps to ensure that the semi-Government and corporate employees provide facilities to working mothers at their work place for breast feeding their infants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) There are a number of protective legal provisions available for the welfare of women workers. Among these laws, the Plantation Labour Act, 1951 provides for time off for women workers for feeding their children. In view of the existing laws which provides for time off for feeding of children and setting up of creches in establishments that employ women workers no fresh legislation is contemplated.

CGHS Unani and Ayurvedic dispensaries in Tamil Nadu

3476. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries of CGHS Unani and Ayurvedic dispensaries in the country;

(b) whether there are any CGHS Unani and Ayurvedic dispensaries in Chennai/Tamil Nadu; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider opening such dispensaries in big cities of the State like Coimbatore, Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, Erode and Salem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) 42,37,088.

(b) In Tamil Nadu, the CGHS facilities are available in Chennai only. There is no Unani dispensary in Chennai. Only one Ayurvedic Unit under CGHS is functioning in Chennai which is located at Quarter No. 125, BCG Vaccine Lab Quarters, Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal to open any new Unani/Ayurvedic dispensary under CGHS in the State of Tamil Nadu.